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Town	Installation	Location	Occupation	Remarks
Alkino, about 30 km west-southwest of Ufa (54-43N, 56-00E).	Low barracks buildings, tents, one classroom building, one mess building, one motor vehicle repair shop of several brick buildings, officers billets, and an athletic field; all provided with a railroad spur.	Just north of the Ufa-Chishmy (54-33N, 55-25E) railroad line.	Housing for an MVD school of 150 officers and NCOs, and a repair shop company  Both units were subordinate to the headquarters of an MVD division in Ufa, and were transferred to Oktyabrsk (54-27N, 53-23E).  an advance party of a tank unit moved into the motor vehicle repair shop building.  the tent camp quartered an infantry unit of about 400 men who were armed with submachine guns and mortars. They conducted field exercises in which six tanks occasionally participated. The tanks were stationed in Alkino.	A drill field was located north of the billeting area.

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Chelyabinsk  
(55-10N,  
61-24E).

1. Barracks installation of several large brick buildings and garages.

In a wooded area about six km north-east of the city.

Occupied by a tank unit of 700 to 800 men. Some armored vehicles leaving the woods were observed from a distance.

2. Barracks installation consisting of two three-story buildings, several small brick buildings, stables, and garages surrounded by a board fence.

East of the city and south of Kirovskiy Plant.

Occupied by 300 to 350 troops who wore red epaulets and black epaulets with tank insignia. The unit was apparently assigned to guard duty at the plant and dispatched newly manufactured tanks.

1. Tank parking lot, surrounded by a barbed-wire fence.

On the southwestern perimeter of the city.

From 50 to 60 tanks and 12 SP guns, covered with canvas, were parked there. No troops other than sentries were seen there.

Young soldiers wearing golden-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia were repeatedly seen in the city.

they belonged to a tank school there.

2. Tank movements.

Wooded area southwest of the city.

Throughout the summer of 1948, soldiers with tank insignia were breaking in newly manufactured tanks which, according to the soldiers, came from the Kirovskiy Tank Plant. The tanks bore

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a toothed wheel, the size of a plate, with an embossed KAZ plant mark.

The tanks had an estimated speed of 50 km per hour and seemed to be larger than the German Tiger tank. They had bogie wheels, track-supporting rollers, and tracks, about 60 cm wide, which were protected by armored plates. The tank hulls were smooth and the turrets conspicuously flat. The tanks mounted a very long 70 to 80 mm gun with muzzle brake and, according to the noise of the motor, were Diesel-driven.

1. Tank training grounds.

Wooded area southwest of the city.

an increasing number of T-34 tanks, both with and without muzzle brakes, were seen moving toward the tank training area along a road on the northern

A military hospital was located at about the southwestern exit of the city.

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2. Fuel depot with railroad spur, consisting of one guardhouse, one administration building, four raw brick buildings, and one small wooden shed surrounded by a board fence with barbed wire, about two meters high.

On the edge of a woods at the eastern border of the tank training area.

perimeter of the training area. A heavy SP gun observed at the field had a rigid superstructure with steep walls opening to the rear and the top. It mounted a gun of about 150 mm which did not project beyond the bow of the vehicle and carried no muzzle brake.

The depot area measured about 800 x 1,000 meters. From 12 to 15 fuel containers, each about 15 meters high and 8 to 10 meters in diameter, stood in the eastern section of the depot. The fuel was shipped in by rail and pumped into the containers through surface pipelines. Military and civilian motor vehicles lined up in front of the containers most of the time, awaiting their turn for fueling. Soviet officers were at all times seen in the installation.

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Magnitogorsk  
(53-27N,  
59-04E).

Former PW hospital converted into a barracks installation, consisting of low wooden barracks, brick buildings, administration buildings, garages, workshops, bakery, and officers' billets; all surrounded by a wire fence.

Near the village of Platina at an almost completed railroad line, about 600 meters southeast of the dam southwest of the city.

Prior to the arrival of troops

the installation was inspected by a general from Magnitogorsk.

an AAA unit of about 40 officers and 750 men, including 200 recruits, arrived aboard three trains from the direction of Magnitogorsk. The troops moved into the former PW quarters and tents. They were commanded by a major.

The unit was equipped with 40 heavy AA guns of about 100 mm which were parked at two places outside the billeting area, and were towed by about 40 three-axle trucks of uniform type. Another 20 to 30 trucks, several ambulances, field kitchens, tank trucks, etc., were parked near the tent camp. Furthermore, several passenger

those troops staying in tents were later also moved into the former PW quarters.

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cars and motor-cycles were seen there.

The troops were daily engaged in infantry training. Some of the trained personnel left the installation daily for the construction of field fortifications near the dam. They took tree trunks, eight to ten meters long, with them. There was no firing practice with live ammunition.

observed the arrival there of an AAA unit of about 150 troops with several heavy AA guns and stated that the troops were temporarily accommodated in tents.

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Military camp consisting of low wooden barracks, utilities buildings, and tents.

About 600 meters southeast of the dam, on both banks of the Ural-El River.

Occupied by an AAA unit of about 500 troops, about one-third of whom were recruits. About ten heavy canvas-covered AA guns, six to eight large searchlights, and one range finder, about two meters long, were observed.

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August 1949.

Stayed in the PW camp opposite the military installation.

Military camp consisting of low wooden barracks and tents.

Near the small village of Platina, about 600 meters southeast

Occupied by an AAA unit of about 800 men with 25 to 30 AA guns of 80 to 100 mm and about as

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of the dam, on both banks of the Ural-El River.

many trucks, which had arrived by rail and by about 150 recruits who arrived by rail several days later. Soldiers observed wore red epaulets with crossed-gun-barrel insignia.

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Ulu-Telyak (54-55N, 56-59E).

Troop training grounds.

Southwest of the town.

A large troop training grounds and test range extended southward from the Ufa railroad line. Test installations for tank-artillery and mine warfare and large repair shops for tanks and motor vehicles were located in the woods of the training area.

The area was referred to as Voyna Bazar (sic; possibly Voyennaya Baza = Military Base).

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